

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2006.

Claims 1-6, 40, 41, and 44 were pending in the application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the present Office Action, claims 1-6, 40, 41, and 44 are rejected. This reply amends claims 1 and 44 and replaces the drawings with formal drawings. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

In items 2 – 3, on page 2, the Office Action rejects claims 1 and 44 for reciting a “reverse star schema meta-model”, because “there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.” The present Reply amends Claims 1 and 44. Applicant respectfully submits that as amended, Claims 1 and 44 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, Examiner is hereby authorized, without the need of further contact by Examiner, to enter an Examiner’s Amendment to correct any cases where antecedent bases are lacking, if any such cases are found.

Drawings

In item 4, on page 2, the Office Action indicates that new formal drawings are required. Enclosed are replacement sheets for Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D. Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that the new drawing sheets be substituted for the originally filed drawing sheets for Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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